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I BELIEVE IN FATHER CHRISTMAS



Twenty two year old Colin Collins was a successful stockbroker in the city.



NEARLY FINISHED LOVE. JUST WRITING A QUICK LETTER.



OH, ARE YOU APPLYING FOR THAT TOP JOB AT BIG CITY CONGLOMERATES INTERNATIONAL?

NO DARLING, I'M JUST WRITING MY LIST FOR SANTA CLAUS.



OH COLIN, WE WENT THROUGH ALL THIS LAST YEAR.



OF COURSE HE EXISTS. WHERE DO YOU THINK CHRISTMAS PRESENTS COME FROM?

OH COLIN, DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.



TO BEGIN WITH, HOW COULD ONE MAN POSSIBLY GET AROUND EVERY HOUSE IN THE WORLD ALL IN THE SPACE OF ONE EVENING?

AH, THAT OLD CHESTNUT AGAIN.



SANTA, AS YOU WELL KNOW, HAS PIXIES AND REINDEER TO HELP HIM.



THAT'S NONSENSE COLIN. SANTA CLAUS DOES NOT EXIST.

HE FLIES THROUGH THE SKY ON A MAGIC SLEIGH, AND CLIMBS DOWN CHIMNEYS TO DELIVER PRESENTS. SATISFIED?



OH TEH! THEN WHO DRANK THE SHERRY AND ATE THE MINCE PIE THAT I LEFT OUT LAST YEAR? THE BLOODY TOOTH FAIRY?



YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE WHEN SANTA BRINGS ME MY PRESENTS, THEN YOU'LL BELIEVE ME.

BUT FIRST I HAVE TO GET THIS LETTER TO HIM.





HERE WE GO AGAIN...IT'S
**THE
FAT
SLAGS**



20 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT... DOGS

It's a dog's life, or so the saying goes. And never more so than at Christmas, when millions of people across the country open up their Christmas stockings to find unwanted puppies inside.

But before you bug up your unwanted pooch and chuck it in the nearest river, why not stop for a moment and think. How much do you really know about our four legged friends? For instance, did you know that...

1 A dog's sense of smell is ten million times more sensitive than that of a human being. This means that a dog standing in Trafalgar Square could smell a kipper - on the Moon!

parents presented him with a puppy 'Shorty' at Christmas 1952. The dog weighed a microscopic 4 grammes, but Kelvin got bored and drowned him the next day - in a thimble of water.



2 If a vet picks up your dog, never ask him to 'put it down', because if you do he'll kill it with a needle in the back of the neck, and send you a bill for £14. That's because the expression 'to put a dog down' means to kill it with a needle in the back of the neck, and send you a bill for £14.

3 Americans love their dogs, and Los Angeles is the dog capital of the world. There are dog hairdressers, dog psychiatrists and even a dog restaurant, open exclusively to dogs. But any dog can't just walk in. Tables must be booked 3 months in advance, and prices start at \$200 (£800) for a bowl of onion soup.

4 A hot dog isn't a dog with a temperature. Nor is it a stolen dog, wanted by the police. It is in fact a stale sausage sandwich with onions and mustard on it, often sold outside football matches for £5 each.

5 Hot dogs with sausages in them shouldn't be confused with sausage dogs. A sausage dog isn't a sandwich, it's a small, sausage shaped dog with tiny legs that only just manage to keep it off the floor.

6 The world's smallest dog is the chihuahua, the smallest ever recorded example belonging to Kelvin Phillips, the world's smallest man. His

7 If you bend down to examine a 'dog end' on the pavement, you definitely wouldn't be looking up the back end of a beagle, or examining the arse of an abseiler. In fact, the chances are you would pick it up and smoke it! That's because a dog end is the disregarded portion of a cigarette.

8 And if your dog end was covered in the previous owner's saliva, you'd probably turn and remark that it had a 'dick's arse' on it.

9 Although they can be attractive animals, calling a girl a 'dog' would not be taken as a compliment. That's because 'dog' is a derogatory term used to describe an ugly woman.

10 And so is 'boiler'.

11 In cave man days dogs were much bigger than the ones we know today. Although little remains of these prehistoric dogs, we know that they had enormous jaws, big enough to bury the massive dinosaur bones which scientists are still discovering to this day.



Woof! Woof! Some dogs yesterday

12 The Queen is Britain's number one dog lover, and her 700 Corgis are treated like royalty. No expense is spared. Each week all 700 dogs are taken to high class hairdressers Truefitt & Hill of Old Bond Street for a shampoo and trim. Indeed, the Queen spends £60,000 a year on cotton buds alone, which she uses to wipe the dog's bottoms.



13 Unlike kids today, dogs are prepared to get up off their backsides and do an honest day's work. Sheep dogs chase sheep around hills, fox hounds chase foxes around hills, police dogs bark at football fans, and specially trained sniffer dogs are used by customs officials to detect tiny amounts of drugs - concealed up people's bottoms.

14 The law no longer requires dogs to be licensed. However you do need a license to own a pub, a television, a car or a fish.

15 Or a gun.

16 But you don't need a license for a gun dog. Because a gun dog isn't a gun. It is in fact a dog.

17 Dogs are the world's most intelligent animals, apart from dolphins. And parrots. Indeed, the first man in space was in fact - a dog! On the 4th of October, 1957, history was made when Russian poodle Rin Tin Tin took off on board the Soviet's Sputnik rocket. Sadly, after three days orbiting the earth the heroic hound exploded.

18 If someone says 'it's raining cats and dogs' you needn't expect a downpour of domestic pets. Unless you live in Bolivia. For in 1932 meteorologists there were baffled when a football match between Ixiamas and Catagaita was abandoned by the referee after it had started raining dogs - and frogs! And fish as well.

19 Ask a prostitute in the Kings Cross area of London for 'doggies', and she'll be unlikely to hand you a basket of puppies. The chances are she'll get down on her hands and knees and avail herself to you for sexual intercourse - from behind. That's because 'doggies' etc. etc. etc.

20 Ask the same lady for a 'topless hand shandy' and she'll probably get her tits out and pull you off for £25.

MY FAVOURITE MOMENT IN HISTORY

No.3 JOHN DAKSEY



The Coronation of Edward VII



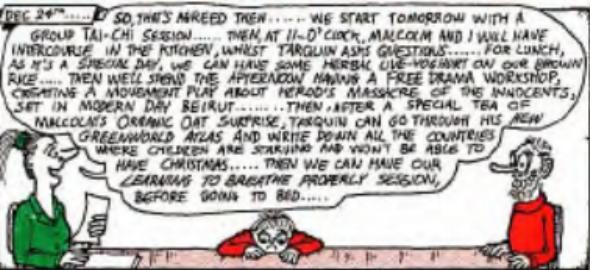
GILBERT RATCHET



YEAH! I'M SURE I HAVE A HUNDRED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR YOU ALL THIS YEAR!



The MODERN PARENTS



The **PATHEtic** **SHARKS**



LETTERBOX

T.V. Burt ad's a gas, man.

I must admit I was never a fan of British Gas. But all that changed when I saw their brilliant TV ad featuring Burt Reynolds. Ever since I've done all my cooking with gas.

Of course prior to that I'd run my fucking gas cooker with Duracell batteries.

B. Jones
Biddulph

On the subject of ginger hair (S. Dressing's letter, *Viz* 50). I'm not sure, but I think they've got something wrong with their eyeballs as well. Have any other readers noticed this?

I. Marsh
Careworthy

I sometimes think the manager of my building society must be ginger. Either that or he's Welsh. The daft bastard was only too pleased to lend me the £10,000 I needed to buy a flat, despite the fact that it was only worth £50,000! Now he says he wants his money back. Well, as far as I'm concerned he can whistle out his arse for it.

K. Rowland
London

Am I mistaken, or has everyone from Manchester got a bloody ridiculous haircut?

P. Squalls
Bristol

Call time on the law

Off duty police officers should be banned from entering pubs or other licensed premises. They should be setting an example to young people, not encouraging them to go out and get drunk.

Mrs. K. Lewis
Ormsby

I am going blind. How about a quick picture of Disney-land?

A. McMahon
Tewsbury

*Sorry Mr. McMahon. We can't find one.

LETTERBOOKS
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I am heartily sick of the peurle abuse being hurled at ginger haired people through the pages of your magazine. Just because we have no obvious eyebrows, are bad tempered and can't go outside if the sun is shining doesn't make us any different from everyone else. Come on *Viz*. Give the reds a rest!

I. M. Rusty
Redhill

After watching a recent harrowing episode of 'Watchdog' my husband clambered into our Hotpoint washing machine and has steadfastly refused to come out ever since. He took with him a bottle of whisky and a packet of twenty Rothmans, and has been amusing himself by playing the guitar. It is now over three weeks since I have been able to use the machine. Clearly my husband must bear some responsibility for his own foolish behaviour, but surely it is irresponsible of a programme such as 'Watchdog' to put ideas like this into people's heads.

Doris Ranged
Chaldon, Surrey



I don't think the police should be allowed to play football. By running around in short trousers chasing after a football they leave themselves wide open to ridicule. It's no wonder children no longer respect the British bobby if this is how they behave in their spare time.

Mrs. K. Lewis
Ormsby

It's the page that puts the 'Christ' back into Xmas

Television companies take note

I have reluctantly come to accept that swearing on television is now a fact of life. But surely with the technology available today the TV companies could provide viewers with some sort of warning of approaching bad language. I have a large, old fashioned car horn which I keep under my chair to scare burglars. If a five second countdown was to appear on the bottom corner of the screen warning of an approaching obscenity, this would give me ample time to sound my horn in order to drown out the offending word. Come on TV companies. It's worth thinking about.

Mrs. P. Thorburn
Haddington

I am a butcher, and the letters of my name can be rearranged to spell 'MY JOB IS TO SELL MEAT'. Can any of your readers beat that?

Tommy Jobisselleat
Oakhampton

'Classical' music is just shit

I'm sick of all these people who pretend to like 'classical' music. The problem has got so bad that record stores now devote entire departments to this rubbish. Let's face it. The only reason anyone buys these awful records is to try and impress high class birds. Well I'm a high class bird, and I think they're all queers.

Claudia D'Arcy-Desforges
Holland Park

Doesn't the Queen Mum look marvellous for her age. I am currently trying to imitate her radiant looks and lovely smile by painting my teeth yellow and sleeping with my face immersed in vinegar. Does anyone know where I can buy a silly hat?

J. Devine
Edgware

I think it wrong that police officers should be allowed to take part in TV game shows such as 'Every Second Counts' and 'Catchphrase'. It would be both undignified and embarrassing if they were to get a question wrong, and public respect for the police force would be lost.

Mrs. K. Lewis
Ormsby

Don't talk such rot

Who says sugar rots your teeth? This is just another example of scaremongering by greedy dentists desperate to sell us toothpaste. I'm going to keep on eating as much sugar as I jolly well like, and if any dentist tries to stop me I'll punch his bloody lights out, so help me.

Albert Johnson
Lambeth



What Nanette Newman doesn't tell you is that with the amount of money you need to buy a bottle of Fairy bloody Liquid you could almost pay for a meal out in a restaurant. And then someone else does the dishes for you.

B. Jones
Biddulph

An insurance form asked whether I have any valuable antiques in my house. "Only you, eh dear?" I joked with my wife. She's 96, and her gold teeth are probably worth more than our entire house contents. Luckily she didn't hear my remark. She's as deaf as a post.

D. P. Course
Evesham

*Having nothing to say is no excuse for not writing to Letterbox. Just look at the kind of dross we publish. So come on readers, put pen to paper. Don't delay, write today. It's your chance to have a say etc. etc. etc.

«Top Tips»

INJECT food colouring into the bottom of your toothpaste tube using a hypodermic needle. When the toothpaste appears coloured, you will know it's time to buy a new tube.

G. Duckworth
Barnsley

PRETEND that your house is a 'Bed & Breakfast' establishment by ordering an extra 50 pints of milk each day, and placing a 'Bed & Breakfast' sign in your front window. Unwanted callers can easily be dissuaded by adding a simple 'No Vacancies' sign.

A. Conway
Dundee

LOOK extra hard on long train journeys by saving all your empty beer cans for a week and lining them up on the table in front of you.

Tugger Trotman
Wirral

HANG Brussels sprouts on the end of a piece of string. Hey presto! Edible Christmas decorations for the kids.

Mrs. I. Jones
Hebden Bridge

GOLFERS! empty egg boxes make ideal containers for your golf balls. Except that they're a little bit too small.

A. Simmons
Cheltenham

RAILWAY commuters. When boarding your train attach a length of rope to the carriage door, and tie the other end firmly around your ankle. In the event of a train crash by following the rope you will be able to find your way out of the wreckage in the dark.

Dave Parsnip
Altringham

A CORK dangling from the end of a long stick can be used to chase flies harmlessly out the window.

Mrs. Doris Peterson
Rhyll

A STRING of sausages draped across the room makes an ideal edible Christmas decoration. But be sure to cook them before giving them to the kids.

Mrs. I. Jones
Hebden Bridge

DON'T invite drug addicts round for a meal on Boxing Day. They may find the offer of 'cold turkey' embarrassing or offensive.

Steven Hawlett
London N8

KEEP the seat next to you on the train vacant by smiling and nodding at people as they walk up the aisle.

Mrs. Deidre Partridge
Rugby

GLUE desiccated coconut to your windows this Christmas for a perfect 'snow' effect. Afterwards it can be chiseled off and fried – a perfect treat for the kids.

Mrs. I. Jones
Hebden Bridge

BRIDES! Take no risks on your big day. Place marshmallows under your wedding cake to help it withstand any minor earthquakes or tremors.

D. Puttnam
Rhyhope

TAKE a leaf out of the skateboarder's book this winter. Strap empty egg boxes to your knees and elbows to prevent injury when falling on ice.

G. Hall
Motherwell

WHEN it's your round, carry all the drinks back from the bar by covering them with clingfilm and putting them in your pockets.

D. Porter
Rochester

PINEAPPLE rings make attractive tree decorations – and slot easily onto the branches of your tree.

Mrs. I. Jones
Hebden Bridge



CLEAN SWEEP FOR BRITISH BRUSHES

British brushes swept the board at the International Brush, Broom and Squeegy Mop Awards in Rio de Janeiro earlier this week.

An international panel of adjudicators made up of brush and mop experts from over 150 competing countries judged that British mops were tops.

BRUSHES

Out of the eight competitive categories British brushes took seven coveted Golden Bristle Awards, including Best Adult Tooth Brush (for the Wisdom Senator), Most Versatile Mop (for the Valida Supermop) and Best Toilet Brush (for the Addis Skid-buster 2000).

ENTRY

The British entry was pipped in only one category, the Combined Dustpan and Brush, which was won by the controversial French Compacta Cuisine II brush and pan set, which is alleged to contain parts manufactured in Switzerland.

EXIT

Nevertheless, British brush manufacturers were today bristling with pride, among



Brush chief Sir Bob
yesterday

them Sir Bob Wallace, chairman of the British Brush, Broom and Bucket Confederation. "I've always believed in British brushes", he told us.

FIRE DOOR KEEP CLOSED

According to Sir Bob, who lost a leg during the war, brushes are now Britain's second largest export. "Recent trade figures show that with exports topping £280 billion, brushes are now Britain's second biggest overseas earner, after deck chairs. And nuts" he added, "So that makes them third".

TRIUMPHANT TOUPE



We're bored with our Wig Spotting competition, so we've decided to award first prize to this example, sent in by Mitch Dawson of Guernsey. Sorry Mitch – we were only joking about the £100 prize. Maybe we'll send you a T-shirt for Christmas.



ADVICE ON ICE

Christmas should be a time of fun and laughter, of holly and ivy, of log fires, chestnuts and mistletoe.

But all too often the joy of Christmas turns to tears as dangerous conditions underfoot make the festive season a nightmare for pedestrians.

SLUSH

For every year icy pavements and slush covered pathways cause havoc for hundreds of would-be walkers. And these problems can be complicated by additional hazards, including drifted snow build ups against doorsteps and curbs, irregular mounds of treacherous frozen slush, fresh powdery snow concealing existing layers of ice, and clumsy pensioners sprawling around on the ground in front of you.

FIGHTING

It's every Christmas pedestrian's nightmare. That brief visit to the shops, or casual call on a neighbour, that ends in a fall. And all too often bruised elbows, grazed knees and twisted ankles are the result.

STEEPLE RESTORATION

Of course Christmas is a very busy time of year for the stars of showbusiness, with TV shows, public appearances and pantomime work leaving them more at risk than most when it comes to pedestrian accidents. So we decided to ask them what precautions they take, and how they go about reducing the risk of a fall during the inclement winter weather. They certainly have some useful things to say, so why not take a tip from the stars and stay on your feet this Christmas.

You won't catch THESE stars falling this Christmas

down on Christmas shopping. "Don't buy large or cumbersome presents. Stick to small things like pens and jewelry. Then you can pop them in your pockets and still have both hands free for balancing on your way home".



Comedy actor ROY BARRACLOUGH, alias The Street's no-nonsense barmaid Bett Gilroy has learnt his lessons from years spent in pantomime work across the country. "I've walked on ice, through snow, in slush, and in numerous treacherous combinations of the three", he told us. "I recommend your readers adapt their walking style to suit the conditions. Generally speaking, take shorter steps and raise your feet higher off the ground. A handy hint is to imagine you are wading through water. It works for me."



Natty crazy oddball Mr Bean actor comic ROWAN ATKINSON knows only too well what it's like to fall on an icy pavement. He's done it several times. His tip is to cut

"Slow down on corners". That was the key advice given by high brow arts commentator MELVYN BRAGG. "The vast majority of accidents on ice and snow occur when people are changing direction. So think ahead. Begin to slow down early for a corner, and never hurry. It isn't worth it".

Showbiz tips to avoid the slips



Being a weatherman we thought MICHAEL FISH might have some useful advice on how to cope in dangerous walking conditions. And we were right. "Choose the right footwear", he told us. "Wellingtons for snow, something with a good grip for slush, and rubber soled shoes for ice. Also, try bending down, to lower your centre of gravity. Bend your knees, and tilt your head forwards. It may feel uncomfortable, but it works".



Former Holiday show host CLIFF MICHELMORE be-

lieves the secret of balance is all in the mind. "In icy conditions our muscles tend to tense up. Our leg movements become jolty and awkward. The answer is to be more relaxed. Think positive. Try skidding a few yards before you start walking. Take a run up and see how far you can slide. Once you've conquered your fear of falling you will then have the confidence to walk normally in these difficult conditions".



Award winning actor and playwright COLIN WELLAND admits that walking on slippery and hazardous pavements is one of his worst fears. Indeed, he has been known to stay indoors for months on end in order to avoid walking in nasty weather. "If I do have to go out and there's ice on the ground, I must admit, I chicken out", he confessed. "Rather than walk I just slide along on my bottom, propelling myself with my arms and legs".

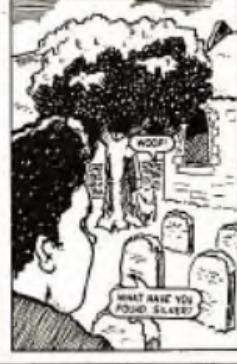
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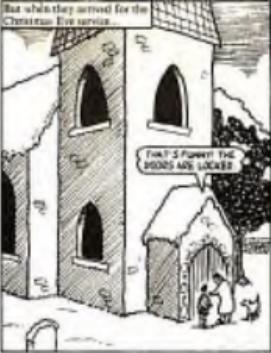


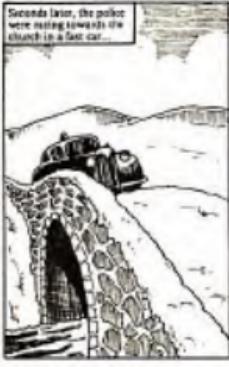
GIVE THEM FAGS

Jack Black

& his dog Silver in
The Plum-Pudding Puzzle







Birds drop 'em for chocolates AND ALL BECAUSE THE LADIES LOVE...

Chocolates are the key to a woman's pants. So says a new survey published today.

And with Christmas approaching, now is the time for fellas to be buying them. That's the view of Burt Twix, spokesman for the British Association of the National Federation of Chocolate Manufacturers of Great Britain, who commissioned the survey.

HEART

"Traditionally flowers have always been seen as the way to a woman's heart. And that may well still be so. But if you want to get into her knickers, you'd be better off buying chocolates", Mr. Twix told us.

DIAMOND

And he claims that statistics bear him out. "Our survey shows that almost 85% of men who give chocolates get their end away within a couple of days. Whilst out of every hundred men who give flowers, six months later over half of them still haven't even

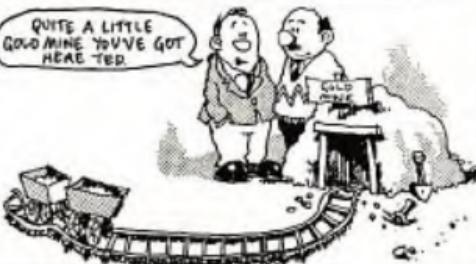
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had a whiff of action, never mind a leg over".

CLUB

Research carried out in conjunction with the survey revealed another interesting fact about chocolates. "We're still waiting for the final results, but all the signs indicate that chocolates help prevent cancer", he told us.

QUITE A LITTLE
GOLD MINE YOU'VE GOT
HERE TED.



BRITAIN'S BALLS ARE BOUNCING BACK

Britain's ball makers are having a ball, according to the latest ball figures published today.

Department of Trade statistics show that sales of balls of all types are booming.

GOOD NEWS

And that's good news for High Street ball retailers, who have suffered more than most in the recent recession, with balls sales dropping to an all time low at the beginning of the year.

KING JAMES

But now they're bouncing back, with sales of balls, including foot, golf, basket and beach all on the increase.



Reg Burton, spokesman for national retail giants World of Balls, told us that ball sales were buoyant throughout Britain. "We stock over 50 balls, everything from medicine to marbles, and they're all rolling off the shelves as fast as we can put them out".

WENDY JAMES

In 1980 a survey revealed that the average man in Britain bought 7 balls, although this figure varied from one individual to another.

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HOUSEWIFE'S HUNT HORROR

Horseback toffs tear pet to pieces

A housewife watched in horror as her family pet was torn to shreds by a baying pack of hounds, after fox hunters rode through French windows and into her living room.

Mrs. Eve Froud was sitting watching television in her third floor Putney council maisonette when she was alerted by the sound of hunting horns. Seconds later thirty blood thirsty hounds tore into her living room knocking over furniture, followed by a dozen members of the Putney Hunt on horseback.

BOWL

"The next thing I knew the dogs had somehow pulled my goldfish George out of his bowl, which was on top of the television, and had cornered him behind the settee", Mrs. Froud told us.

BOIL

The horrified housewife then sat and watched helpless as the ferocious hounds tore the tiny fish to shreds, jeered on by the red jacketed hunt members. "I'll never forget George's face as those hounds closed in", Mrs. Froud recalled painfully.

SOIL

Mrs. Froud also alleges that the Master of Hounds, Brigadier Charles Lexington Compost-Heap struck her in the face with his riding crop when she tried to intervene, and then shot and killed her husband Dennis, 52, who



No-nookie Froy (left) and Blind Date Cilla



was watching television at the time.

SAIL

A spokesman for the Putney Hunt described the incident as "regrettable", and said that it was not hunt policy to pursue foxes into people's houses. "A formal apology has been made, together with

an offer of compensation for the loss of the goldfish", we were told.

SAD

Members of the Putney Hunt include brainy left wing bonk ban comic Steven Fry, and 'Blind Date' hostess Cilla Black.

ROGER MELLIE

THE MAN ON THE TELLY
AND HE ISN'T SAFE
BOLLOCKS!

KNOCK!
KNOCK!

ROGER MELLIE
ARRIVED
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!



WATCH ROGER SAY 'BOLLOCKS' ETC. IN FULL COLOUR ON YOUR T.V. SCREENS! ROGER'S BRAND NEW VIDEO IS IN THE SHOPS NOW, PRICE £12.99

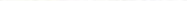
Nobby's PILES

I'M GOING TO SURPRISE THE KIDS THIS CHRISTMAS BY PUFFING DOWN THE CHIMNEY DRESSED UP AS SANTA CLAUS!



MR. SORRY AND PILES - THERE APPEARS TO BE A BROKEN CHIMNEY IN YOUR FIRE. THERE'S SOMETHING SPEARED ON THE END OF MY BRUSH.

ILL TRY RAFFLING IT UP WITH INCENSES OF ROSEMARY.



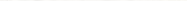
ILL GIVE THE EMBERS A GOOD RUGGLE WITH THIS PAPER.

LOGS
COOKS
WAAA!!



K. POP.

OH NO! AARRGH! OH GOD!



OW! OW! OW! I THINK HE RINGMASTER HAS CALLED ME!

LATER... HERE DEAR... YOU CAN OPEN YOUR PRESENT.



YEEAARGH!

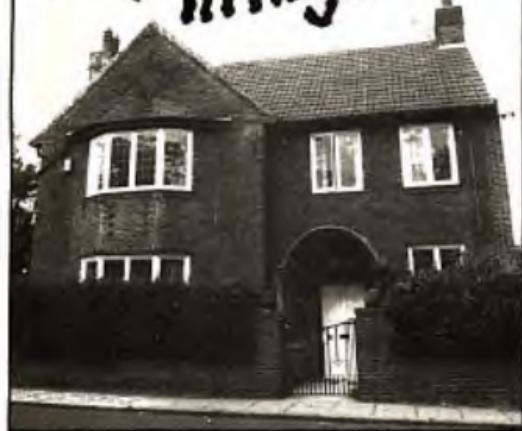
THAT'S A BETTER IDEA. I'LL BURN THE GOOD CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS TO THE MANTLEPIECE.

YEEAARGH! JUST AS LONG AS YOU DON'T KNOCK ANY NAILS INTO MY POSSIBLE BY ACCIDENT.

OH THANK YOU! IT'S JUST WHAT I ALWAYS WANTED!

MERRY CHRISTMAS READERS!

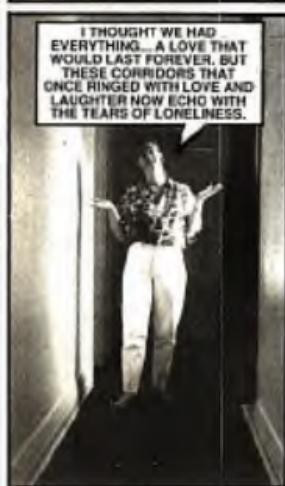
There's a GHOST in my house

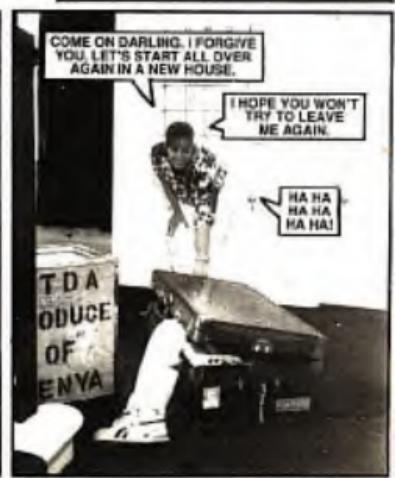
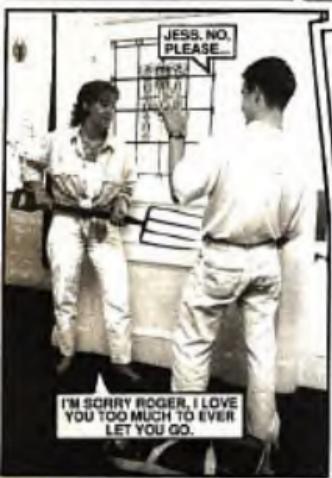


I'LL BE GLAD TO SEE THE BACK OF THIS PLACE. IT HOLDS TOO MANY PAINFUL MEMORIES.



BUT IT WAS HERE THAT THE FLAME OF OUR LOVE FIRST BEGAN TO FLICKER.





Fully booked

Pop stars get cheques out to check in to check out the chart

A warm Whitley Bay welcome to this week's Viz top Ten, brought to you courtesy of THE NORTH STAR HOTEL.

Situated at No. 10 Esplanade (adjacent to the sea front), The North Star is No. 1 in the hotel charts, only 3 minutes from Whitley Bay Station on the Tyne & Wear Metro system.

The "No Vacancies" sign is up in the window of this week's chart, with the Top Ten places all booked solid, and competition hot for that coveted top slot.

And checking in at No. 1 is zany telephone prankster and Radio One late night funny man VICTOR LEWIS-SMITH. His controversial CD album is a bizarre collection of sketches and songs and madcap abusive celebrity phone calls, and it's just been released on the Virgin label.

Our guest at No. 2 has booked in under the name of JUDGE DREAD, but fans of the fat seventies underground cult reggae yob may know him by his real name of Alex Hughes. He had a string of bawdy records banned by Radio One during his stormy career. His "Worst Of" compilation is available on the Music Club label.

Speaking of No. 2, two people can enjoy bed and breakfast accommodation at the North Star Hotel for as little as £11 each, providing they sleep together!

"The North Star is the ideal hideaway to enjoy a romantic weekend in Whitley Bay", proprietor Phil told us. "And unlike some hotels, we don't mind a bit of hanky panky between the guests".



A long term resident still enjoying his stay in the Viz Top Ten is ANDREW TAIT. Andrew's latest offering is a cassette of left over material which he promises will be his last release in his present guise.

"We don't serve up left overs at the North Star", proprietor Phil assures would-be guests. "We offer a tasty full English breakfast". And if guests would like a cup of tea or coffee with their morning meal, that's no problem. "We have both", quips caterer king Phil.



A hotel not entirely dissimilar to the North Star

Regular visitors to the Viz Top Ten will recognise the name of Stephen O'Donoghue at No. 4. Kylie Minogue fan Stephen regularly pays good money to see his fat-chested Aussie idol in the Viz chart. Unfortunately his obsession has now gone beyond a joke, and he wishes to open a channel of communication with the tiny titted teen temptress through the medium of our pop page. Well, he may be an idiot, but he's paid his money, so here goes. Kylie, if you're reading this: "Sorry I was stupid with that camera and got ejected in Dublin. I am deeply ashamed for probably disturbing you. Apologies, Stephen O'Donoghue".

North Star boss Phil says that if he should be so lucky, said Stephen is welcome to bring Kylie for a weekend in Whitley Bay, and he assures him that discretion will be assured at all times.

Booked in elsewhere in this week's chart are THE MONEY GODS, a bunch of Wolverhampton supporters from Walsall. Their new LP is available for £5.50 (incl. p & p) from Diaz Hale, 19 Nailers Drive, Burntwood, Walsall, W70ES.

CHRIS KILLALEA is a busker in the chart courtesy of Joe Pooley, a commuter on London's Metropolitan Line. Since quitting the underground Chris has been sighted in Australia, New Zealand and Sheffield. Joe would like him to return to London and sing "The Wicklow Boy", and invested £10.40 in our chart to get the message across.

KLAWS complained that they could not afford a big bribe to propel themselves towards the top of the chart, but £5.41 was still enough to buy a plug for their debut EP, available for £2.50 (incl. p & p) from the band at 13a Strathleven Road, London SW2 5JS.

£5.41 buys the No. 7 place in the Viz Top Ten, and a mere £12 will buy room No. 7 at the North Star Hotel", says Phil. "It's a cosy single room, and as with all our rooms, hot and cold water

North Star TOP TEN

★	1	VICTOR LEWIS-SMITH <i>Tested on humans for irritancy</i>	£150.00
★	2	JUDGE DREAD <i>The very worst of</i>	£50.00
★	3	ANDREW TAIT <i>101% Happiness for ever and ever</i>	£35.35
★	4	KYLIE MINOGUE <i>If you were with me now</i>	£31.60
★	5	THE FACE HUGGERS <i>Fireworks (cassette)</i>	£28.88
★	6	THE MONEYGODS <i>A perfect case of celibacy</i>	£25.22
★	7	CHRIS KILLALEA <i>The Wicklow Boy</i>	£10.40
★	8	KLAWS <i>X-day (EP)</i>	£5.41
★	9	SCAVENGERZ DAUGHTER <i>Victim</i>	£5.03
★	10	NICK SHAUN & GARY <i>Friday night at the Rutland</i>	£5.00
★	10	DOCTOR WHITLEY & BACK TO BASICS <i>Live and basic</i>	£5.00



THE MONEY GODS

VIZ
READER
HOLIDAY

How about this for an exclusive Viz reader holiday offer from the North Star Hotel in Whitley Bay. They're inviting you to join them on a special Viz Reader Weekend.

Come and visit Viz comic country! Sample the delights of the Tyne Bridge. Visit the scenic and spectacular Brown Ale. Take a stroll along our very own Coronation Street - the Byker Wall. See real terraced houses and cobbled streets - just like the Hovis advert. Fall over in the very toilet where Gazza hurt his knee. Hunt big game on a Fat Slag safari in Newcastle's Bigg Market.

The offer includes two nights stay, and various visits and fun activities. Anyone interested should send a S.A.E. for a full brochure, to: Viz Offer, North Star Hotel, 10 Esplanade, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear. You will receive full details and a booking form by return.

are piped direct to your taps, courtesy of the management". SCAVENGERZ DAUGHTER are a heavy metal band at No. 8 whose single is available for £2.50 from B. Byron at 40 Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers, Northants, NN9 8BQ. "I'm sure they're set to go a long way", says hotel host Phil. "But you won't have to go a long way if you're a guest wishing to use the toilet at the North Star Hotel. There's always one nearby, pleasantly decorated and furnished".

Any artists wishing to appear in the next Viz Top Ten should send their bribes to us to arrive by January 6th for our February issue. "And any Viz readers who fancy a weekend away in Whitley Bay, whether it's for a night out in the town's glittering sea front bars and clubs, or just a relaxing stay in our comfortable, fully licensed hotel, they're welcome to drop in. We're only minutes by Metro from Newcastle station".

Please send cash bribes only to the Viz Top Ten at P.O. Box 147, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT.

BIG VERN





Billy the Fish

DUE TO A DESPERATELY UNFORTUNATE TWIST IN THE PLOT, BILLY THOMSON FINDS HIMSELF WITNESS TO A WILD-West GUNFIGHT AT THE OX CORRAL - A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN FULCHESTER BOSS TOMMY BROWN AND GUS PARKER, EVIL MANAGER OF ARCH ENEMIES GAVATHORPE CITY...



NO I WONT! HIGH! HIGH TIME TRAINS GOING TO THE END OF THE LINE AND WITH TOMMY BROWN AND THAT FEN KID OUT OF THE WAY - I - GUS PARKER, EVIL MANAGER OF ARCH ENEMIES GAVATHORPE CITY WILL BE MANAGER OF FULCHESTER!



WHAT WILL COME OF THE NEW COMPUTER-MADE BILLY THOMSON?

WILL HE EVER AGAIN TAKE UP HIS PLACE IN THE FULCHESTER SCANDAL?

DR. H. PROFESSOR WILFRED SCHNEIDER HAS CREATED A MONSTROSITY!

DON'T HURRY YOU TO MISS THE NEXT SLIGHTLY LONGER INSTALLMENT OF
BILLY THE FISH!

GIVING THE GAME AWAY

At Christmas time we look forward to giving and receiving gifts. And no matter how cheap or useless those gifts are, we can always console ourselves by saying 'it's the thought that counts'.

Well, there's a lot more truth to that than most men realise. Because the Christmas gifts that men receive from their partners reveal tell-tale signs about the state of their relationship.

SIGNS

Subconsciously female shoppers choose presents which secretly spell out their innermost thoughts about their partner. Read the signs correctly, and you can find out exactly where you stand with your wife or girlfriend. Be on the lookout for the following gifts this Christmas:

TOASTER

If you find a pop-up toaster nestled in your stocking on Christmas morning, you may well assume your partner fancies a bit of toast - or perhaps crumpet - for breakfast. But you'd be wrong. A toaster is a warning sign, reflecting the ups and downs of your relationship.



What your partner wants is a relationship which, like toast, is crisp, and evenly done on both sides.

SLIPPERS

Slippers spell danger for your relationship. They're a sure fire signal that your love life has reached the end of the line. Look out at them carefully.



They're comfortable, relaxing, and what she's saying is 'take it easy'. But by consigning you to an armchair what she's really doing is writing you off sexually. The truth is that she no longer finds you attractive. So look out, she may well be having an affair - with your neighbour.

The secrets of your sex life lie hidden in your Christmas stocking



AFTERSHAVE

This is the most popular of all Christmas gifts for men, and the tiniest bottle can cost a fortune. Not surprisingly most men are delighted to find it in their stocking. But before you splash it on all over, stop for a minute. Don't you smell a rat? After shave is the most unimaginative gift you can buy. And she chose it to match your lack of imagination - in bed. The subtle message contained in that bottle is short and simple - your sex life stinks.

BOOKS

She buys you a book because she feels you are intellectually her inferior. She feels as if you're not good enough for her, and deep down she realises she doesn't love you. In fact she never did. Like the cover of a book, she found you attractive and interesting to begin with, but inside, like a badly written novel, she finds you boring, tiresome and dull.

But books aren't all bad news. If you receive a dictionary, you're in luck. This means she cannot find the words to tell you how much she loves you, so she's sending you them all!



in your Christmas stocking



CHOCOLATES

Chocolates are a traditionally romantic Christmas gift, but when a woman buys them for a man, the signals she is sending can vary greatly, depending on what kind of centres the chocolates have.

A mixed assortment would indicate her mixed feelings for you.

If you find soft centres in your stocking - orange creams, a praline or truffle perhaps, then she's got a soft spot for you.

If you find nuts in your chocolates, she's nuts for you. Lastly, if she buys you liqueurs, she probably wants to give you a blow job.

GIFT TOKENS

You'd be forgiven for thinking that gift tokens were a hurried last minute choice of gift, bought by someone who leads a busy life, with little time for Christmas shopping. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Think about it. She wants YOU to do the shopping. So she must want you to buy something she wouldn't - or couldn't - buy. The answer is sex toys, exotic sexual aids so outrageous that she dare not buy them herself. She wants inflatable sheep, bondage gear, nipple enhancers and big electric love tools. Her New Year's Resolution is going to be kinky sex all night long - every night of the year!



Here's a few other popular gifts, and a brief summary of their hidden meanings. What is your partner trying to tell you this Christmas?

A shirt - She wants you to succeed at work.

A pen - She's a romantic - she dreams about you.

Handkerchief - She's having an affair.

Wristwatch - She wants a baby.

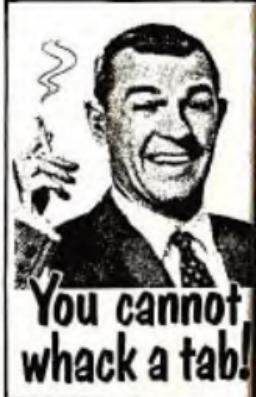
Socks - She wants to spend more time together.

Cigars - She doesn't like your parents.

A pipe - She wants you to spend more time on foreplay.

Electric shaver - You don't fuss about her enough.

A record or CD - She wants three-in-a-bed sex with you and her sister.



IT'S NOT FIR!

Enjoy your Christmas tree this year. For if Euro-chiefs have their way, it will be your last!

For other EEC members want British trees banned in order to bring our Christmas decorations in line with Euro-utile standards.

STANDARDS

A special EEC committee on Christmas decorations has decided that the traditional Christmas tree will have to go, as it does not comply with tough new safety standards. In future all Euro trees will have to:

- Measure between 1.5 and 2 metres in height.
- Have no more than six branches, all of which must be at least 1.4 metres above ground level, so that children cannot reach them.
- All needles must be removed, again for child safety.
- No edible decorations can be displayed on the tree.
- In fact no decorations at all can be displayed on the tree.
- Except for one battery operated light, to be switched on for ten minutes at a time, and for no more than 60 minutes in any one day.

BENCHMARKS

The new proposals come as a major setback to Britain's farmers, many of whom rely on Christmas tree sales to boost their annual income.

Ironically last year the EEC subsidized Britain's tree growers to the tune of £1.75 billion, farmers receiving approximately £70 in subsidies for every Christmas tree grown.

EXCLUSIVE

Britain gets the needle as Eurocrats axe the Christmas tree

KILLER IN THE CORNER

With almost every household in Britain putting up the traditional Christmas tree this year, we spoke to top safety watchdogs to find out just how dangerous they really are.

And we were shocked to find some spine chilling facts about the killer Christmas tree.

YARDSTICKS

Here's ten ways your tree could become a killer this Christmas.

1. Faulty lights can cause a deadly house fire.
2. Small baubles or decorations from the tree, mistaken for sweets, could injure or choke a young child.
3. A killer covering of pine needles on the carpet can cause injuries to feet, which could later turn septic, and if untreated, result in death.
4. The same needles, if swallowed in large quantities by a small child, could again cause death by choking.
5. A very large tree, if not secured properly, could fall and crush a small person.

6. A large tree crammed into the back of a car often blocks the rear view mirror. This in turn can lead to fatal road accidents.

7. A person living on their own, slightly the worse for drink, could fall and become entangled in the branches of their tree, and remain there unnoticed for several weeks or months.

8. Bright, attractive presents displayed beneath the tree can cause great excitement – possibly too much excitement for a person with a serious heart condition.

9. A pine needle could get stuck to the bottom of your sock, where it could be dormant for several days. Then, when you are out driving your car, it could suddenly prick you, causing your foot to jolt forward onto the accelerator,



sending your car speeding out of control on a treacherous icy road.

10. Rare tropical insects, spiders or snakes might enter the country hidden amongst cargos of Christmas trees, and then bite you whilst you decorate your tree, causing death within seconds.

LUNCHBOX JURY



Each week we summon you, the readers, to serve on our Lunchbox Jury. This week we are preparing a packed lunch for controversial football manager Brian Clough, and we want you, the members of the Lunchbox Jury, to decide which of the lunchboxes listed below will be best for Brian.

BRIAN

Consider carefully the evidence before you. Brian is 58, but remains an active sportsman. He starts his day with a big break-



fast, before a busy morning spent coaching his Nottingham Forest players. Brian then gets involved in stressful office work in the afternoon, and must wait until 7 pm for his next main meal. Outspoken Brian has a sweet tooth, but his wife is a little concerned about his waistline.

Mr McHENRY

Now refine, and consider your verdict. Then complete the coupon below, indicating which lunch you feel would be most suitable. Send your votes to the address on the form, and whichever lunchbox receives the most votes will be packed and posted to Brian.

To: The Foreman, Lunchbox Jury, Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1PT.

In the case of Brian Clough's lunchbox, I vote for the following. (Tick one only).

Lunchbox No. 1

6 Ham, cheese & pickle sandwiches on white bread.
A pork pie.
A Scotch egg.
A slice of cake and walnut cake.
A flask of tea.

Lunchbox No. 2

4 peanut butter sandwiches on white bread.
A Burton's Waggon Wheel.
2 packets of prawn cocktail crisps.
An individual fruit pie.
A tin of Appletise.

Lunchbox No. 3

2 slices of Rivets crispbread with cream cheese and pineapple.
An apple.
A carton of natural yoghurt.

Lunchbox No. 4

1 tuna mayonnaise sandwich on brown bread.
1 packet of plain crisps.
1 vegetable samosa.
1 carton of Ribena.
1 Tunnock's Caramel Wafer.

Lunchbox No. 5

4 thick cut cheese and onion sandwiches.
1 milton and onion pie.
A large sausage roll.
A snack size Kit Kat.

Lunchbox No. 6

2 chicken sandwiches.
1 cheese and onion pastry.
1 Bakewell tart.
1 can of lemonade.
1 finger of fudge.

THE BROWN BOTTLE

WELL MAUNDED REPORTER
BOBBY BROWN HAS BEEN
CALLED IN TO SEE THE
EDITOR AT THE LUTONIAN
EVENING POST...



SUMMEN THE COLD NIGHT
AIR IS FILLED WITH THE
SOUND OF SCREECHING TIRES

SCREEECH!!



NON THOU, LAURENCE
THE NEAREST PHONE BOB

I'M SURE THERE'S ONE ROUND THE NEXT CORNER

NO, IT MUST BE THE NEXT ONE

TWENTY MINUTES LATER...

AND EVENTUALLY...

...HIC! BORREL!

THE KING OF CRIMESWATERS
HAD NO TIME TO SPARE...

AH! ANNU! FOO! PREPARE! GUS GUS GUS!!

SO FEST...

THE B-B-BROWN

REACHES THE SCENE

TINRIBS

21-YEAR OLD TINRIBS TURNS 44
WITH IRONICALLY FRESH FISH & CHIPS



SHALL WE CALL IT A DAY?
I DON'T THINK SO. I'LL GET A
SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PIANO
FOR THIS EVENING.

WHAT STUFF THIS HOUSEKEEPING?
THE PIANO SHOULD BE A
CONCERTINNO, DAY SONG, NOT PONTOMUS!

MR. BRADWELL, I'VE
LED TO PUY YOU IN CHARGE
OF PREPARING THE CHRISTMAS PIANO.

I'M PARKED THAT'S QUITE OUT
OF THE GROUNDSIDE, I
DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED.

SO, IN THE SCHOOL HILL,
FIGHT YOUR FIGHT AND HAVE
TO PAY FOR THIS ACCIDENT.

SO YOU ARE STANDARD
TO PAY FOR THE BREAKAGE,
EXCEPT DRAWS, TEA CADDIES,
ELEMNTS OF CHOCOLATE.



AND, DURH, REMEMBERING

MY MATE IS GOING TO
FREIGHTEN THE GARDEN.

MY NAME IS BRADWELL,
I LOVE YOU, HERRIN'.

MY CYBERNETIC CRETIN
WILL NOT STOP ME
TILL I GET OUT OF THE
LAW AND GET A GUN!

LAST NIGHT, IN THE PERFORMANCE
OF THE CHORAL SOCIETY,

BUT WE ENJOYED IT SO MUCH,
WE PLUNGED INTO THE PERFORMANCE.



WHEN I'M SHOVED
ON THE BASTARD'S BACK!

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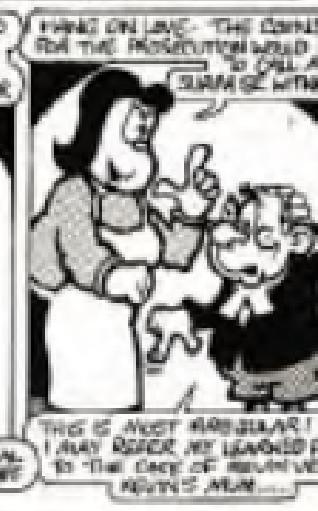
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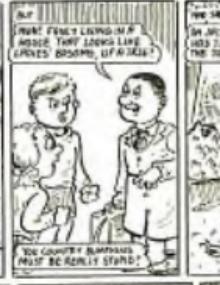
Young Bailey





THE HOUSE IN LEAFY WOODS

FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS
EVERYONE THOUGHT THE LEAFY
WOODS WAS THE MOST
"COOL" PLACE IN THE
COUNTRY. BUT NOW, THE
WILDERNESS HAS BEEN
THROWN INTO DISHARmony.





GET CLOSER TO GOD!

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

A BIBLICAL BOARD GAME
FOR UP TO SIX PLAYERS

RULES

You will need a die, and a marker for each player. (We've supply one set of a wooden walk die. Place your markers at the start and take turns to throw the die. Each player moves his marker to the space indicated on the die. The person who throws the die and moves around the board 4 times (i.e. the Devil & Lucifer) along the way you move, and at a miracle space, if he has just performed a miracle, he moves forward 3 spaces. The player who scores with the Miracle table (below) and previous successfully will use this die to determine squares along the way. If during the course of the game, you roll a Devil or Lucifer space, if the Devil has temptation, and you fail, you must move back 3 spaces. If the Devil has temptation, and you are out of the game. To finish you must move the specific number required to land you on the finish. The winner is the first player to be the winner.

START

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These are the 10 Virgins. They have been waiting for their master to come back. They will be given a reward if they stay awake. If you land on your next turn.



King Herod is after you, and he's taking all the babies. Throw again, if you throw a 1 or 2, you are safe. If you throw a 3 or 4, you have to run away. If you throw a 5 or 6, you are safe. King Herod kills babies, run away to safety.

You find a gold coin, take it. You have to get 10 gold coins to buy the donkey.



All the people you pass will say you're a good man, and you are. Go back 3 spaces.

THE DEVIL
TEMPTS YOU

You have to agree to give the Devil 10 coins. He will take part in the game, and you don't. Unfortunately, he agreed.

You find a few coins, and you can't buy the donkey. There is a sign that says, "There is a donkey in the stable, and you can buy it for 10 coins." You have to buy it.

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MIRACLES

1. You cure a leper's spots. Take another turn.

2. You turn water into wine, and get pissed. Miss a turn.

3. You turn bread into fish or something and feed a multitude. Advance 3 spaces.

4. The bread turns into stone by mistake, and the multitude aren't amused. You spend a week in hospital. Miss 3 turns.

5. You cure a dead man and he picks up his bed and walks. Go forward 3 spaces.

6. You cast a woman in hell. Go forward 1 space.

Nowadays with everyone (except Cliff Richard) celebrating Christmas, it's easy to forget exactly what Christmas is about. But now that problem is solved with this fantastic *PRE* board game for up to six players. So this Christmas, why not sit back and re-live the life of Jesus this sensational, educational and enlightening board game.



Always in the Devil's company, he's always trying to tempt you. If you land on a Devil space, you will be tempted to turn back to the Devil's ways.

Three special stages Jesus Christ and his angels give you gifts of gold, experiences and joy. Move forward 3 spaces.

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Your donkey is a bit temperamental, and he's off to the stable to cool off. You will be given a chance to cool him down, and if you do, he will be back to his normal self.



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There is a short story about the Magi, the three wise men. Come and learn about them.



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Jesus is baptised in the Jordan River. Go forward 3 spaces.



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You have to go to the temple in Jerusalem to pay taxes. Go forward 3 spaces.



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The last miracle of Jesus is the resurrection of Lazarus. Go forward 3 spaces.



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You are asked to do some chores. Go forward 3 spaces.

Please note - We're offering a fabolous prize to the religious group or individual who send us the best compilation about our "Life of Christ" game. Yes, we'll send £50 to the winning compilation from our website. Send your compilation to us with your name and address, and remember to include your envelope. *Postage* is free.

FINISH